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Loudoun Soccer - Spring 2008

Dear Loudoun Soccer Players and Families,

Usually I would love to write to you about having a relatively dry soccer season; however, the drought we've been experiencing has really taken its toll on the playing fields in our county. Needless to say, it has been hard to watch grass being replaced by dirt at a much faster rate than in the past. And it sure would be nicer for our players if the ground weren't so hard! We do have access to many of the irrigated fields across the county – Lyndora, Stone Ridge (3 fields), Franklin (4 fields), Lucketts Park and Ida Lee (2 fields). I want you to know that we've been working hard with Loudoun County Parks & Recreation and many different homeowners associations to irrigate more fields. By the Spring of 2008 season, we'll have helped to irrigate 7 more fields - Fincastle and Mills (Ashburn Village), Ray Muth Park (3 fields) and Conklin (2 fields). In addition to irrigation, we've been working hard with Loudoun County P&R to identify the fields across the county most in need of special maintenance, and together have mapped out a maintenance strategy. As you might have seen, some of the work has already begun and it will continue up to the start of the Spring season (Sanders Corner, Belmont Ridge, Lansdowne Park, St. Theresa) and re-start immediately following the season.

On the travel side, Loudoun Soccer has improved program offerings with the Goalkeeper Academy, Foot-skills and Advanced Footskills training programs – each program is unique, staffed with quality trainers and are helping our travel players to continue to develop their skills to help get them to the next level. Speaking of the next level, there are many Loudoun Soccer players that are training and playing on the Virginia Olympic Development Program (ODP) teams. We have quite a few playing at the Regional ODP level and 2 young ladies at the National level! Please check out the travel section of our website for details.

We are pleased to offer National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) courses this month and expect to offer coaching education opportunities in 2008. We know the importance of helping our coaches get additional training and are working on providing it for them.

We are excited to let you know that we will be unveiling a new Loudoun Soccer website by early spring. The new website, which we believe will be much easier for users to navigate, will allow us to offer you more relevant and timely information on each of our programs. In addition, it will allow us to do a better job of highlighting the successes of our players, coaches and teams. We look forward to sharing the new site in the very near future and will provide you with more information as we get closer to the launch date.

As we look to the Spring season, we are excited about our 3rd Annual Family Fun Day. Family Fun Day is a day to celebrate all of the fabulous people we have in Loudoun Soccer – coaches, coordinators, volunteers, board members, referees, office staff and technical staff. All that we accomplish at Loudoun Soccer has been the result of volunteers committed to building a quality program. And while we're making great progress, there is more to be done and we can accomplish more with your help. If you would like to get involved with Loudoun Soccer, please contact us. There are many areas that are in need of volunteers– field development/supplies, volunteering at the office or events, board positions, etc.

Here's how you can reach us:

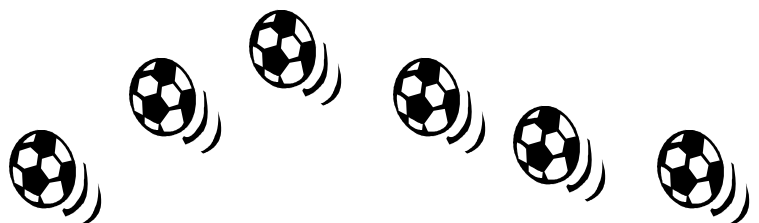
Loudoun Soccer Administrative Offices: 703.777.9977

By Email: info@loudounsoccer.com

As we move forward, we commit to you the continued efforts and dedication of our staff and volunteers. Our goal is to bring the most comprehensive soccer program possible to our Loudoun Soccer players. Thank you all for your support.

See you on the field!

Debbie Bicer
President





Registration

Registration for the Spring Season begins December 14, 2007. The registration fee is \$85 if you **register before January 31, 2008**. Players will be charged a non-refundable \$25 late fee after that time. If you have any questions, email registrar@loudounsoccer.com or call the Loudoun Soccer office at 703-777-9977.

Uniforms

Loudoun Soccer has transitioned to a new SFL uniform. In Spring 2008, **all U13 – U19 players (who did not play in Fall '07) will need to purchase a new uniform kit**. This kit includes two shirts, shorts and socks. Purchasing information will be included in our on-line registration system and our mail in registration form. **U7 – U12 players** will continue with our current reversible jersey through the spring season. These can be purchased from one of the local retailers, listed on our web site. Mini soccer players will receive shirts as part of their registration fee.

Loudoun Soccer Information

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Spring 2008 Calendar

- Dec 14 Registration begins
- Jan 31 On-time registration ends
- Jan 31 All challenge registration ends
- Feb Challenge evaluations (see website)
- Mar 29 1st preseason coaches meeting
- Mar 31 Practice starts for Rec and SFL
- Apr 3 Coaches clinic
- Apr 5 2nd preseason coaches meeting
- Apr 8 Refund deadline
- Apr 12 1st Game, MSP & Topsoccer
- Apr 19 2nd game
- Apr 19 Picture day #1
- Apr 20 All Star tryouts #1
- Apr 26 3rd game
- Apr 26 Picture day #2
- Apr 27 All Star tryouts #2
- May 3 4th game
- May 3 Picture day #3
- May 10 5th game
- May 17 6th game
- May 25 No games
- May 31 7th game, last MSP, U7 Jamboree
- June 7/8 House, U8 and SFL Tournament
- June 14/15 All Star Tournament
- June Travel Tryouts—TBD



Dates are subject to change. Please check the website for calendar changes.



** AGE GROUPS **

2007-2008 Fall/Spring Seasons

U4	1-Aug-2003-11-Apr-2005
U5	1-Aug-2002-31-Jul-2003
U6	1-Aug-2001-31-Jul-2002
U7	1-Aug-2000-31-Jul-2001
U8	1-Aug-1999-31-Jul-2000
U9	1-Aug-1998-31-Jul-1999
U10	1-Aug-1997-31-Jul-1998
U11	1-Aug-1996-31-Jul-1997
U12	1-Aug-1995-31-Jul-1996
U13	1-Aug-1994-31-Jul-1995
U14	1-Aug-1993-31-Jul-1994
U15	1-Aug-1992-31-Jul-1993
U16	1-Aug-1991-31-Jul-1992
U17	1-Aug-1990-31-Jul-1991
U18	1-Aug-1989-31-Jul-1990
U19	1-Aug-1988-31-Jul-1989

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for our annual golf tournament in June. Watch for details to come. All proceeds will benefit Loudoun Soccer programs and facilities. For more information or to become a sponsor, please email: Golftournament@loudounsoccer.com.



CAMPS AND TRAINING

Loudoun Soccer and Darryl Gee Soccer Academy present winter break camps and winter training. Please see the enclosed flyers, our website or contact Darryl Gee at darrylgeesoccer@aol.com.



Registration questions should go to registrar@loudounsoccer.com. E-Newsletters are sent weekly from margie@loudounsoccer.com. Please make sure we have your current email address to receive valuable information concerning your soccer community.



MANY THANKS TO ALL LOUDOUN SOCCER VOLUNTEERS



A great big thank you to our many volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, age group coordinators, commissioners, team helpers, tournament coordinators, schedulers and Topsoccer buddies. Without all of you, there wouldn't be a Loudoun Soccer!

REFEREE CORNER



Every season, there are games that are not covered by referees. Loudoun Soccer makes every effort to cover all games. Unfortunately there are times when a referee doesn't show up or there simply aren't enough referees for all the games. By Friday of a given week, if a game does not have an assigned referee, Loudoun Soccer notifies the Age Group Coordinator who in turn will notify the coaches. Please let us know if you do not have a referee and were not notified. If you end up without a referee, please try and work out the officiating between the 2 teams, possibly a coach reffing each half or quarter.

We are always looking for good referees, check the Referee Corner on the website for new classes and recertification information or email refdirector@loudounsoccer.com.



Gold Sponsors

Please help us thank our Gold Sponsor's for helping us reach our goals for the soccer playing youth of Loudoun county.

Together we strive to offer the best to our players, our families and our communities. Thank You for believing in us. If you or your company would like to become a sponsor, on any level, please call Margie at the Loudoun Soccer office (703-777-9977) to find out how to participate or send an email to info@loudounsoccer.com.

THANK YOU To Our Executive Board:



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Age Group coordinators are still needed in many areas. Please contact the Loudoun Soccer office or email rpm@loudounsoccer.com if you can help.



VOLUNTEERING



We would like to ask for your help next season to maintain our outstanding programs by helping to provide the necessary coverage in the various activities listed below.

- **Field Preparation:** This work can be as simple as putting out corner flags every Friday and bringing them back on Sunday evening or putting nets on goals at the beginning of the season and putting goals away at the end of the season. There are also many field sites that require volunteer labor to keep the fields lined every week. This is a good volunteer opportunity for a parent or a teenage student looking for a way to assist the community.
- **Event Help:** The end-of-season tournaments, jamborees, and variety of other events require a considerable amount of volunteer help in order to have all duties covered and ensure that the events are successful.
- **Office Work:** Please contact the Loudoun Soccer office to see how you may assist with registration, filing, season beginning and ending activities just to name a few.
- **Age Group Coordinators:** Loudoun Soccer needs age group coordinators in every town to form teams in the designated recreational league age groups. The coordinators work with their corresponding regional commissioner to determine team counts, identify coaches for teams and assign players to the teams. The coordinators also provide rosters to their coaches at the beginning of each season and distribute trophies to the coaches at the end of each season. Most of the work is done in the four weeks that precede the start of each season. After the season starts, additional work is primarily related to changes in team rosters (adding late registrants or moving players between teams).
- **Volunteer & Fundraising Coordinators:** These positions are perfect for those creative individuals who enjoy working with people to provide the organization with a support system of volunteers to plan and execute various activities.
- **Field Development:** We have thousands of players and are always looking to find more fields. If you have land and would consider donating it to Loudoun Soccer, please contact info@loudounsoccer.com. If you can help us in other ways for our quest for more space, please volunteer for this most important task.

REMEMBER—All of our children benefit from your contributions to Loudoun Soccer. Please email registrar@loudounsoccer.com with the information below or fill out the form and mail it today!



Cut here and send to: Loudoun Soccer—Volunteers, P.O. Box 1358, Leesburg, VA 20177

Name:		Phone:
E-Mail Address:		Town:
<i>Circle one or more positions to volunteer:</i>	Age Group Coordinator	Fundraising Committee
	Equipment Volunteer	Public Relations
	Field Preparation	Website Support
	Office Volunteer	Field Development
	Volunteer or Fundraising Coordinator	Event Help